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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH ON UN

1. SUMMARY: GOG FONMIN WILLS STATES GOG CAN BE COUNTED ON TO OPPOSE AND VOTE AGAINST ANY MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN, BUT HOPES USG WILL TAKE STRONGER STAND AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, AS THIS WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR AFRICANS TO BUCK ARAB COLLEAGUES ON ISRAELI ISSUE. WILLS WELCOMES DIALOGUE; HAS INSTRUCTED GOG MISSION AT UN TO AVOID UNNECESSARY RHETORIC; AND PLEDGES GOG WILL ADOPT POSITIVE APPROACH TO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ADVANCED BY USG. WILLS EXPECTS ATTEND BOTH 7TH SS AND REGULAR UNGA. EMBASSY REMAINS SKEPTICAL GOG WILL DESERT NAM COLLEAGUES WHEN CHIPS ARE DOWN.
END SUMMARY.

2.I SAW NEW FONMIN FRED WILLS JULY 21, HANDED HIM TEXT KISSINGER SPEECH, AND MADE ORAL PRESENTATION DRAWING FULLY ON PARA 3 REFTEL. WILLS HAD APPARENTLY ALREADY READ AT LAST MAJOR EXCERPTS FROM JULY 14 SPEECH BECAUSE HE COMMENTED AT ONCE THAT WHILE HE AGREED WITH
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THRUST OF SPEECH (DIALOGUE NOT CONFRONTATION), HE THOUGHT SECY'S

TONE WAS EXCESSIVELY HARSH AND HE HOPED HARD BARGAINING ON ECONOMIC MEASURES WOULD NOT BE LABELED CONFRONTATION. I POINTED OUT THAT SECY WAS ADDRESSING DOMESTIC AUDIENCE, AS WELL AS OVERSEAS, AND WITH FORMER HE WAS IN FACT ATTEMPTING TO RESPOND TO A WAVE OF RECENT PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF REVULSION OVER LDC CAVALIER TACTICS IN UN BODIES.

3. EVEN BEFORE I MADE ORAL DEMARCHE, WILLS SAID HE WANTED TO ASSURE ME HE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH PM BURNHAM WHAT GOG POSTURE SHOULD BE IF FORMAL ACTION INITIATED TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN. THIS RESULTED IN FIRM DECISION TO OPPOSE ANY SUCH MOVE, THOUGH PUBLICLY CONDEMNING CONTINUED ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF TERRITORY SEIZED BY FORCE OF ARMS. WILLS SAID IN FINAL CRUNCH GOG WOULD VOTE AGAINST EXPULSION AND GOG MISSION TO UN HAS BEEN GIVEN FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT. IN NAM CIRCLES, INCLUDING UPCOMING LIMA MEETING, WILLS SAID GOG WILL HAVE TO PLAY ISRAEL EXPULSION ISSUE IN LOW KEY, BUT GOG WILL MAKE POINT THAT EXPULSION IS DOUBLE-EDGED WEAPON WHICH CAN EASILY BE TURNED AGAINST TODAY'S PROPONENTS IN FUTURE. WILLS ADDED THAT OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL'S FORCIBLE OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES IS FUNDAMENTAL PROPOSITION FOR GOG, WHICH MUST ALWAYS BEAR IN MIND VENEZUELAN CLAIM TO ESSEQUIBO. WHILE POSSIBILITY REMOTE TODAY, GOG HAS TO CONTEMPLATE FACT THAT GOV HAS CAPABILITY OF SEIZING PORTION OF GUYANA TERRITORY BY FORCE.

4. WILLS THEN REMARKED THAT USG COULD MAKE IT A LOT EASIER FOR GOG TO WORK WITH AFRICAN MEMBERS OF NAM IN OPPOSITION TO ARAB EXTREMIST TACTICS BY TAKING A STRONGER STAND AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA BOTH ON NAMIBIA ISSUE AND APARTHEID. HE SAID HIS EXPERIENCE AS GOG AMBASSADOR TO LUSAKA MAKES HIM SKEPTICAL THAT USG CAN BRING ANY REALLY EFFECTIVE PRESSURE AGAINST SO. AFRICA, BUT HE THOUGHT WE SHOULD KNOW THAT THERE IS LINKAGE IN MINDS OF AFRICANS (AND GOG) BETWEEN THESE TWO ISSUES.

5. WILLS WENT ON TO NOTE THAT HE PERSONALLY HAS FEW ILLUSIONS ABOUT ARAB MOTIVES. AFTER ALL, HE SAID, ARABS DID JUST AS MUCH TO ENSLAVE AFRICANS AS EUROPEANS. AND ARABS HAVE DONE PRECIOUS LITTLE TO REPAY SOLID AFRICAN SUPPORT ON ISRAELI ISSUE WITH FINANCIAL AID TO OFFSET OIL PRICE RISE.

6. RETURNING TO MAIN THEMES OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH, WILLS SAID GOG
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CONTINUES TO PREFER DIALOGUE TO CONFRONTATION AND WE COULD COUNT ON GOG TO ADOPT POSITIVE APPROACH TO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AT SUCH TIME AS THEY ARE ADVANCED BY USG. HE HAS INSTRUCTED GOG MISSION TO UN TO AVOID RHETORIC IN PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS PRIOR TO 7TH SS AND HE HIMSELF WILL BE ATTENDING BOTH 7TH SS AND REGULAR UNGA.

7. COMMENT: I FOUND WILLS MUCH MORE OPEN AND CONSTRUCTIVELY ORIENTED THAN I HAD EXPECTED (MY BRITISH AND CANADIAN COLLEAGUES

HAVE REPORTED SIMILAR REACTIONS). THE REAL TEST ON GOG BEHAVIOR AT UN WILL ONLY COME WHEN THE PRESSURES BUILD UP IN NEWYORK. I AM SKEPTICAL THAT GOG WILL FIND IT ANY MORE IN ITS INTEREST TO DESERT THE NAM CROWD THIS YEAR THAN LAST.

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